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	Filing Date	October 2, 2003 RECEIVED
	First Named Inventor	Peter Spiess CENTRAL FAX CENTER
	Group/Art Unit	3654 SEP 05 2006
	Examiner Name	Eric E. Pico
	Attorney Docket No.	132702-0131

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005				Complete if known	
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	FILING FEES Small Entity		SEARCH FEES Small Entity		EXAMINATION FEES Small Entity
Application Type	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200
Design	200	100	100	50	130
Plant	200	100	300	150	150
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0
					Fees Paid (\$)
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES					
Fee Description					Small Entity
					Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent					50
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent					200
Multiple dependent claims					360
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					Fee (\$)
					Fee Paid (\$)
Total Claims - 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____					
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.					
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